



Information for Media

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Update 09/08/11 1916hrs

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0954hrs

Montgomery County: Overnight fires broke out around the Crown Ridge Subdivision and residents were evacuated. Throughout the night fire crews held fire lines and this morning fire and needs assessments continue. Evacuations remain in place for Crown Ranch and those areas evacuated on FM 1486 yesterday.

No additional structures were damaged in Montgomery and no injuries reported. In Montgomery County 4 homes have been destroyed since the fires erupted on Monday.

Road closures include FM 1486 from FM 1774 north to Jackson Road and FM 1774 west to the Waller County. FM 1488 remains open to the Waller County Line.

Incident Statistics:

Approx. 21,619 total acres / Montgomery Co. approx. 3500 acres

Estimated 60 % contained.

Areas still are subject to flare-ups and/or fires spreading with little to no notice.

120 people were housed in the shelter in Montgomery County. (Wildwood Methodist Church 8911 FM 1488).

Update
September 8, 2011
1916hrs

Grimes County: At 1800 hrs there has been a new flare-up to the southeast of the Foxfire Subdivision. At this time, firefighters are making a stand at the fire line to keep the flare-up contained. If the fire breaches the fire line, we will post an update. The fire in the Riley Road area is still being managed south of Walnut Ridge Road in Waller County. There is no change in evacuation orders at this time.

Montgomery County: At 1645 hrs a flare up in Montgomery County was announced a voluntary evacuation was given for those living in the area of Shady Oaks Blvd south to Sandy Hill off of FM 1486 north of FM 1774 (Key Map 181 M R V Z). Fire crews are working to extinguish this fire and bring it under control.

Name of Fire/County: Tri-County Fire (Montgomery, Grimes, Waller)

Containment: 85% contained combining all three counties.

Acres Burned: Approximately 13500 acres burned.

Structure Damage: **Montgomery County:** Early estimations of fire damage include 2 homes destroyed. There also at least 12 various outbuildings/barns burned in the Ranch Crest and River Ranch Park Subdivisions. **Waller County** has reported several homes destroyed by the fire, actual number unavailable at this time. **Grimes County:** Have not received any structure damage at this time.

Road Closures: **Montgomery County:** FM 1488 (Lakeshore to Waller County Line). FM 1774 (Waller County Line to Grimes County Line). **Grimes County:** FM 1774 (CR 302 to Grimes/Waller County Line). **Waller County:** FM 1488 (FM 362 S/FM 1736 W to Old Hockley Road).

Evacuations: **Grimes County** has the following areas/streets continue to be under MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDERS previously issued for Grimes County: Lake Holly Hills/Mill Creek Subdivision, Foxfire Subdivision, area immediately behind the Renaissance Festival (Renfaire Drive, Tammy Circle, Devin Court, CR 303), Plantation Lakes (off Riley Road), Saddle Creek Subdivision (off Riley Road), Clark, Megan, Lively, Carlton Speed Ranch Road, Crawford, Lonestar Road, Whippoorwill Road, County Lane, Pappas, Camellia, Azalea, Lakeshore, Wionna Lane, Wyrlic Road, Rustic Lane, Adler Road, Adler Circle, Rolling Hill Lane, Albin Circle, Walnut, Lars Circle, Longs Circle and Forrest Hills Subdivision (Pine Tree Court, Pine Tree Lane, Forrest Hills Lane and Willow Bend Lane). **Grimes County areas back open:** Whispering Pines, CR 340, CR 302, Grandflower, Lobolly, Goldenrain, Forrest Lane, Pine Lane, Holly Court, Carolyn Court, Cedar Road, and Clark Road (only east of Forrest Lane). **Waller County:** The MANDATORY EVACUATION ZONE for Waller County is all areas east of CR 362 and north of the Waller/Harris County line (Spring Creek) to the Montgomery County and Grimes County Line. **Montgomery County:** Residents of the Ranch Crest Subdivision will be allowed back into the Subdivision at 12 noon. Residents only will be access to their homes on Ruel Road (Key Map 211J) with identification beginning at 12 noon today but will not be allowed to enter or travel on FM 1774.

Weather: Wind direction: NNE. Wind speed: 5.8mph. Humidity: 13%

Shelters: Montgomery County: Magnolia West High School. 14350 FM 1488 Magnolia, TX 77354. Wildwood United Methodist Church. 8911 FM 1488 Magnolia, TX 77354. Waller County: Waller County Fairgrounds FM 359 South Hempstead, TX 77445. St. John's Lutheran Church 1613 Key Street Waller, TX 77484. Grimes County: Unknown.

Injuries: Several firemen have been taken to the hospital for treatment for heat exhaustion and one with an injured ankle. All are minor injuries. No fatalities or serious injuries have been reported.

Notes: At 2330hrs 9-7-11, Waller County reported large fire on Riley Road Key map 209D. Houses were burning on both sides of the roadway. At 0151hrs 9-8-11 Grimes County and Waller County has been fighting a large fire at Riley Road and Lazy Ridge Key Map 209D. Waller County had several structures burning at this location and they conducted evacuations in this area. Waller County was also conducting evacuations south of FM 1488 in the area of Key Map 210X when a large area of fire crossed FM 1488.

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